

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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A hydraulic lash adjuster for an internal combustion engine ~~including a cylinder head and a rocker arm~~ is disclosed. The hydraulic lash adjuster includes a low-pressure chamber defined in the plunger and filled with a hydraulic fluid ~~and a~~ and a high-pressure chamber filled with hydraulic fluid defined in a lower interior of the cylinder and partitioned by the bottom wall of the plunger from the low-pressure chamber. A valve port is formed through the bottom wall of the plunger so as to communicate with both the low-pressure and high-pressure ~~chambers~~ The chambers. The valve port has at the high-pressure chamber side an opening edge formed with a valve seat face. ~~A~~ and a valve element is provided in the high-pressure chamber so as to abut and depart from the valve seat face, thereby closing and opening the valve port. The valve element is made of a material having a specific gravity smaller than steel.